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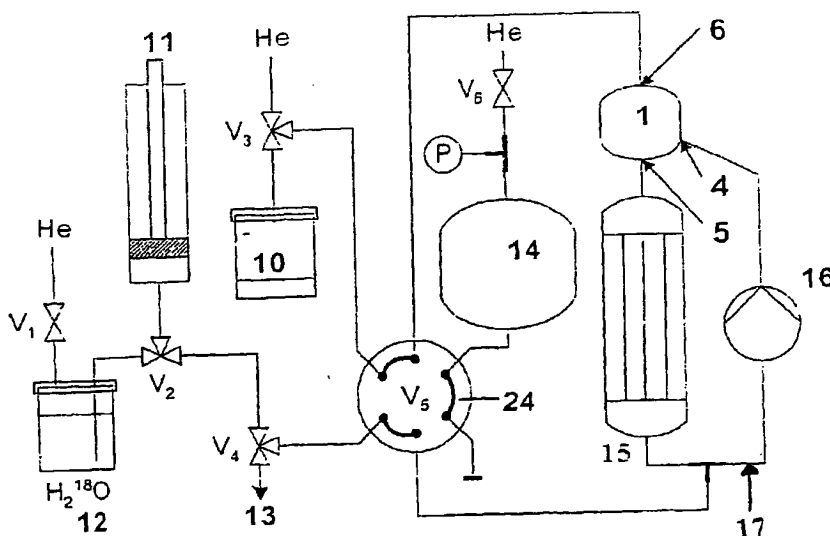
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(54) Title: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING RADIOISOTOPES**



(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to a device and a method for producing a radioisotope of interest from a target fluid irradiated with a beam of accelerated charged particles, said device comprising in a circulation circuit (17):- an irradiation cell (1) comprising a metallic insert (2) able to form a cavity (8) designed to house the target fluid and closed by an irradiation window (7), said cavity (8) comprising at least one inlet (4) and at least one outlet (5);- a pump (16) for circulating the target fluid inside the circulation circuit (17);- an external heat exchanger (15);said pump (16) and said external heat exchanger (15) forming external cooling means of said target fluid;said device being characterized in that it further comprises pressurizing means (14) of said circulation circuit (17) and the external cooling means of said target fluid are arranged in such a way that the target fluid remains inside the cavity (8) essentially in the liquid state during the irradiation.

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## 1. claims: 1-19, 21

A device for producing a radioisotope from a target fluid irradiated with a beam of accelerated charged particles comprising in a circulation circuit an irradiation cell with a cavity including an inlet and outlet, a pump, and an external heat exchanger.

The pump flow rates, the volumes of the cavity and the circuit, the positioning of the in- and outlet in the cavity.

A method for producing a radioisotope by using the target fluid as a precursor in the cell, irradiating the cell with a beam of accelerated charged particles, circulating the target fluid in the circuit, controlling the pressure in the circuit and cooling the fluid with an external heat exchanger so that the fluid inside the cavity remains in the liquid state.

The use of the device for manufacturing a radiopharmaceutical compound.

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## 2. claim: 20

An irradiation cell comprising a metallic insert forming a cavity with an inlet and outlet designed to house a target fluid, the cavity having a central axis around which a surface is developed, the cavity being closed by an irradiation window and a second surface perpendicular to the central axis and opposed to the window.

The inlet being connected to the second surface perpendicular to the central axis, while the outlet being connected to the lateral surface.

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